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ATTENTION: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Mr. Garland Hagan

RE: MTC 1997 FTIP Amendment
Numbers 8 and 9

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

We have completed our review of Amendment Numbers 8 and 9 of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC's) 1997 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for inclusion into California's current Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). We accept these amendments in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993.

Through a coordinated review process with the Regional Offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), we find that these TIP Amendments are based on a continuing, comprehensive, coordinated transportation process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC app 1607). Projects in this TIP Amendment request are transit projects types within Table 2, Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR 51.460, and are exempt from the conformity determination requirement of projects to be included in the TIP.

This letter also constitutes approval of the amended MTC TIP Amendment Numbers 97-08 and 09 for inclusion in the California's 1997 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements.

Sincerely,


Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator